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For: TOP SEPARATOR FOR GAS PHASE AND HYDRAULIC PHASE  
CONTINUOUS DIGESTERS AND METHOD FOR CONVERTING DIGESTER

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Sir:

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Responsive to the Official Action of February 27, 2007 and the requirement for restriction presented in it, applicants elect the subject matter of Group I, that is claims 1-10 directed to a top separator.

An examination on the merits is awaited.